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Re: U. S. Application No. 10/776,001 Filed February 9, 2004  
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In re Application of: Schreiner et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3679  
Serial No.: 10/776,001 ) Examiner: A. Dunwoody  
Filed: February 9, 2004 ) *I hereby certify that this  
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for Patents, P. O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July  
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For: Pressure Relief Valve in Connector )  
Assembly For Flexible Inflatable Articles )

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*Suzanne M. Hearn*  
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Letter Of Transmittal

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent Application:

1. Response To The Requirement For Restriction/Election Of Species (2 pages)

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,

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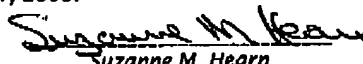
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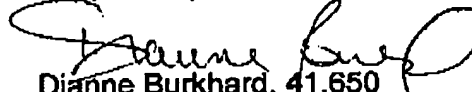
Dear Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction in the Office Action of June 2, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Group 9 to Figures 13a-13C, to which claims 1-4 are readable thereon, with traverse. Therefore, prior to examination on the merits, please consider the following remarks.

Specifically, Applicants traverse the Restriction with regards to Groups 7-10. As stated on page 11 of the specification, Figures 12-14 (Groups 7-9) depict components of the invention and the components in operation; and Group 10 shows preferred embodiments of components of the invention. It is unclear to Applicants how the Groups are viewed as distinct species with no generic claim. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

Should Examiner maintain the requirement with regard to Groups 7-10, clarification of the basis for Restriction is respectfully requested.

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